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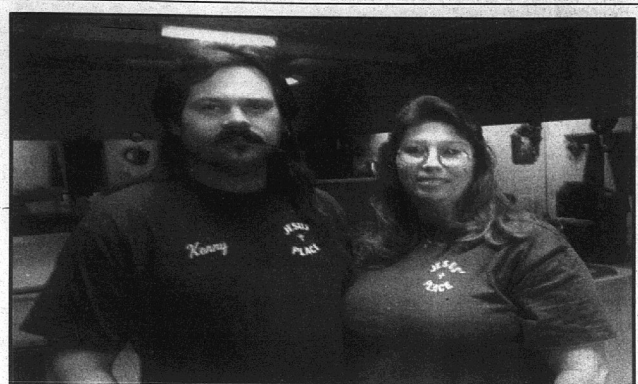
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Ken and Alice Mikuleza stand in the front room of Jesus' Place in downtown Granite City. The converted store front serves as chapel, meeting hall and soup kitchen.

Everyone is welcome

Church opens its arms

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The interior of Jesus' Place may not be the prettiest, but to Ken and Alice Mikuleza that's OK, because it serves a purpose.

The couple, who both happily admit they were former drug addicts, started the church-mission at 1316 19th St. in Granite City after they found traditional churches were not very interested in reaching out to certain people.

The church opened in August and offers a "traditional" Sunday afternoon service at 2 p.m.

"We figure if you've been out partying all night the night before and you wake up feeling bad about what you've done, you're not going to get up to go church right then," Alice said. "But maybe after a few hours

"We don't care; these people need someone to know that someone loves them just the way they are. This is a place where everybody's welcome."

— Alice Mikuleza

when you sober up a bit..."

The church also offers a Thursday night Bible study and hot meals on Mondays and Fridays. The church also provides clothes for those in need.

About 20 people attend the Sunday services. (See CHURCH, Page 10A)

Bill's OK puts plant in jeopardy

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Calling it a law that never should have existed, Gov. Jim Edgar has signed a bill repealing parts of the Retail Rate Law dealing with subsidies to alternative energy plants.

The repeal makes the development of two such plants in Madison and Wood River doubtful.

The Madison project is a \$75 million project by Metro East LLC, a subsidiary of Connecticut-based STRV LLC.

The city of Madison had approved siting for the plant last year, and a ruling on an appeal of that siting by opponents is due from the Illinois Pollution Control Board next week.

Developer Michael Vrtis had also begun the permitting process with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Vrtis could not be reached for comment Friday, but has said in the past that he would continue with the permitting process for the plant.

Edgar approved the legislation at a ceremony in Chicago Thursday.

In a letter to members of the legislature dated March 14, he announced his decision. He said the retail rate law "should never have existed."

"The ill-conceived and ill-advised...law exposed our taxpayers to paying billions of dollars in incentives," he said.

The law required utilities to purchase electrical power from waste-burning incinerators at the local municipal retail rate in exchange for credits against the state utility

Environmentalists cheer Edgar action

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

When she heard the news, Kathy Andria said all she could think of was "yahoo."

Andria, a member of Stop Polluting Illinois, one of the principal opponents of the proposed \$75 million wood-fueled power plant in Madison, said Gov. Jim Edgar's signing of a repeal of tax credits to such plants will probably mean they will not be built.

Jim Bensman, environmental chairman of the Piassa Palisades Chapter of the Sierra Club and another opponent of the Madison plant, agreed.

"It's a good case where, finally, after all the tremendous efforts, the people have overcome the powerful lobbyists," Bensman said.

The law scraps state incentives that Wood River officials had hoped would attract a \$75 million plant proposed by Metro East LLC. (See CHEER, Page 10A)

tax. The credit was equal to the difference between the retail rate and the utility's own cost of generating power.

Incinerator operators were required to begin paying back the credits after 20 years, but critics of the law questioned whether that

(See PLANT, Page 10A)

City focusing on expansion

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Granite City officials are stepping up their effort to annex residential property into the city.

"The advantages of becoming a part of the city of Granite City are many and varied," said Economic Development Director Dan Brown.

Brown said city residents enjoy street department services; better police, fire protection and ambulance response time; low gar-

bage collection fees; animal control services; snow removal; free brush pickup; a full-time mayor, administrative staff and representation by two aldermen; and Granite City Park District privileges at lower rates.

The advantages to the city include a larger property tax base and increased population.

Last week, several residents of unincorporated areas in Nameoki and Chouteau townships received a flier passed door-to-door promoting the Granite City Park District.

"Are you a Granite City Park District resi-

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Madison approves all-day kindergarten

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

An all-day kindergarten program was approved for the Madison School District at Thursday's board meeting.

To make room for the expanded program, the district will move the fourth grade classes from Harris to the middle school and the eighth-grade class from the middle school to the high school.

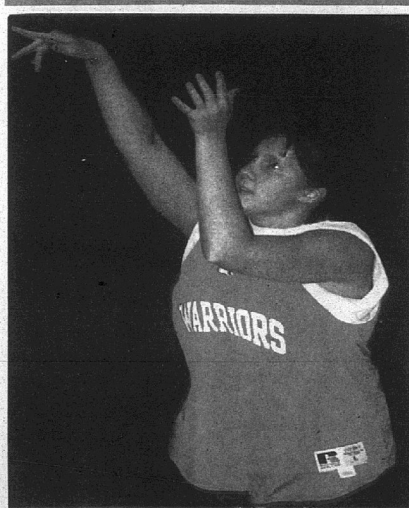
To meet concerns of parents, school officials said the fourth- and eighth-grade classes will be in self-contained units at the school buildings.

Superintendent Gary Allison also said the eighth-graders will have their own lunch and physical education periods.

He added that the move will also give fourth-grade students more stability because instead of going to Harris School for one year before heading to the middle school they will be at the

(See SCHOOL, Page 9A)

Sports spotlight



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Tops — Denise McMillan, a two-sport Granite City High School athlete, is this week's Cardinal Club Athlete of the Week. Story on Page 1B.

Election '96

Ballot stuffed with candidates

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Republicans and Democrats alike will have plenty of candidates to choose from Tuesday as the primary election features the busiest ballot in this area in recent years.

Republicans can choose from eight different candidates for the GOP nomination for president, although only two — U.S. Sen. Bob Dole and conservative columnist Pat Buchanan — remain in the race.

Democrats can choose from President Bill Clinton or fringe candidates Lyndon LaRouche or Elvina Lloyd-Duffie.

Democrats in the Granite City area have three contested county board races and a battle in the 11th District in the state legislature.

Republicans and Democrats both have choices for their respective party's nominations for the U.S. senate seat being

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vacated by Paul Simon; and for the House seat in the 20th Congressional District, currently held by Dick Durbin, a Democrat who is seeking his party's nomination for Simon's position.

U.S. Gov. Bob Kustra and Al Salvi are considered the frontrunners in the GOP senate race. Other candidates are Robert Marshall, Wayne Kurzeja and Martin Paul Gallagher.

Besides Durbin, other Democrats seeking Simon's seat are former state treasurer Pat Quinn, J. Ahmad, Paul Park and Ronald Gibbs.

Incumbent U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Bellefonte, is unopposed in the 12th Congressional District. He will likely face a challenge from Republican Shapely R. Hunter — also unopposed in the

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How do you celebrate St. Patrick's Day?

By SHIRLEY VALENCIA



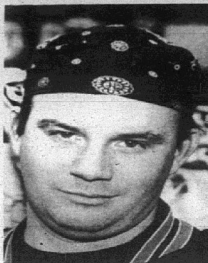
Phil Szymarek Granite City
"Go to local pubs and eat corned beef and cabbage, green beer and also green popcorn. My family always celebrates St. Patrick's Day this way."



Lou Graham Granite City
"Usually go to friend's (house) for dinner at Holiday Shores. We have corned beef and green cabbage with green bread."



Todd Richey Granite City
"I usually spend it with my family. My mom makes corned beef and cabbage. Then we all sit around and visit for awhile."



Sid Riedle Granite City
"I stay home and let all the amateurs and nonresponsible drinkers endanger our public."



Veronica L. McCaskill Granite City
"I'm a letter carrier. I wear green. I have three kids. I'm married, so I celebrate with my family."

Briefly Fashion show slated

The Women's Division of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce has scheduled its annual fashion show and luncheon for April 13 at Sunset Hills Country Club in Edwardsville. The luncheon will begin at 11 a.m., followed by the fashion show.

The theme of the event is "Picture Perfect," and will commemorate the centennial of Granite City and 75-year celebration of the Granite City Community Park District. Admission is by reservation only. Tickets are available at Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce, 1831 Delmar Ave. in Granite City; Tops 'N Bottoms Shop, 1343 19th St. in Granite City; Kathy Goclan American Family Insurance Company, 1739 Pontoon Road in Granite City; and from various chamber members. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$7.50 for children six years of age and under.

Participating stores are Tops 'N Bottoms, Glik's, Casual Corner, Ann Patrice, Freckles N Frills, Fashion Gal, Modern Woman, Leather & Lace, Cameo, Kmart, Wal-Mart and Butterfield's Jewelry and Bridal Shoppe.

Foreign policy talk

"The Intelligence Community: Time for Reform?" will be the topic of the March 20 session of the Great Decisions program at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. Offered by the Office of Continuing Education, this popular non-credit program meets 10:50 a.m. until noon Wednesdays in the Mississippi Room of the University Center. The 1996 series will cover eight different topics that will give a deeper understanding of the role of the U.S. foreign policy.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Paula Kanyo, coordinator of Community Programs and Public Service at the University at 692-3209.

ACT review offered

Two American College Test review workshops, preparing high school students for upcoming ACT examinations, are scheduled at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. Students may take the ACT review workshops on two evenings, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 20 and Tuesday, March 26. The same workshop will be offered 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27. Both workshops are scheduled in Peck Classroom Building, Room 2413. Additional information may be obtained by calling the Office of Continuing Education at 692-3210.

BAC offers screenings

Belleville Area College will celebrate National Collegiate Health and Wellness Week March 18-22 at the Granite City Campus with a series of health screenings and seminars. On Tuesday, March 19, GCC will host a Healthy Heart Screening from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Wilmsmeyer Room. The screening will include blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol screening. The fee for the screening is \$8. On Wednesday, March 20, a Heart Healthy Cooking workshop will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 207. On Thursday, March 21, the campus will host a Lowering Cholesterol and Blood Pressure workshop from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in Room 207. To make reservations for the Healthy Heart Screening contact the GCC main office or call 931-0600. Walk-ins are welcome also.

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4 hurt in car-pickup crash

An elderly Granite City couple were seriously injured in a car-pickup collision with two SIUE students Wednesday afternoon on Illinois Route 157 just inside the Edwardsville city limits.

Clifford Duniphan, 72, was in fair condition Thursday at Anderson Hospital in Maryville and his wife, Maxine, 70, was in serious condition at St. Louis University Hospital. Maxine Duniphan is a former columnist for the *Granite City Press-Record Journal*.

"The man was still inside the truck when we arrived. The woman was ejected," Glen Carbon Fire Department Capt. John Ranek said. Rescue crews from five agencies worked frantically to remove two Troy brothers trapped in a 1990 Honda Civic, which collided about 4:15 p.m. with Duniphan's 1990 Dodge Dakota pickup truck just north of Interstate 270.

Jay Stevens, 22, of Troy was driving the Civic; his 19-year-old brother John Stevens was the passenger. The brothers apparently were on their way home from classes at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. They were treated at Anderson Hospital and released.

Edwardsville Detective Scott Evers gave the following account of the wreck:

The Stevens brothers were traveling south on South University Drive, which turns into Route 157. As they approached the intersection with Old Chain of Rocks Road, the Duniphan vehicle, which was northbound on Route 157, turned left at the intersection and collided with the Stevens car.

"The accident is still under investigation and no tickets have been issued yet," Evers said late Wednesday. Ranek said firefighters had to cut the driver's side door of the Honda to extricate Jay Stevens; three volunteer firefighters managed to pull open the passenger door to remove John Stevens from the car.

The pickup had flipped over and was lying on its roof in the eastbound lane of Chain of Rocks Road. The Civic came to rest at the intersection in a southbound lane of Route 157. The car, with its front end completely smashed, was facing north.

Glen Carbon Fire Department rescue workers worked for more than 30 minutes treating and attempting to remove the Stevens brothers from the Civic.

Rescue workers placed neck braces on the brothers inside the Civic and removed them on backboards.

Maxine Duniphan was found lying on the road; broken glass and several pieces of clothing marked the spot on the pavement. The Duniphan were the first to be transported from the scene.

"We transported the most serious patients first," Edwardsville Fire Chief Dennis Henson said.

Officers of the Glen Carbon and Edwardsville police departments rerouted traffic while the victims were removed and the scene was cleaned.

No citations had been issued as of Thursday. Illinois State Police accident reconstructionist Ralph Annmons was working with Edwardsville patrolmen in an attempt to reconstruct the accident.

Rush hour traffic was backed up for nearly an hour. "This is a total mess," said one observer who parked his truck to watch rescue workers. "I didn't see the accident, but it had to be just horrible."

Dozens of curious motorists walked up to the scene while traffic was blocked. Ranek said firefighters remained on the scene to help clean up.

"There were quite a bit of fluids on the roads," he said. "It was a mess."

— From the *Alton Telegraph*

Madison criticized for buying building

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A plan by Madison city officials to buy a building awaiting condemnation was blasted by Alderman Norris Horton at Tuesday's council meeting.

Before the vote, Horton called the purchase a waste of money.

The building, located at 1008 Grand Ave., is on Madison

County Community Development's demolition list. However, the demolition has been delayed.

The council approved paying \$1,500 for the building. Their plan is to sell the contents of the building, and then the

building itself. Alderman John Hamm said that would return the property to the tax rolls, rather than result in an empty lot.

The purchase was proposed by Building Inspector George Hlava.

In a memo to the council, he said building was "not in that

bad of shape."

"If they demolish this building, the problem of grass cutting and garbage accumulation on a vacant lot would be an aggravation to the neighborhood," he said. "The property would be a loss of property tax to our community."

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College night at BAC March 28

Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus, 4650 Maryville Road, will host a college night at 6:30 p.m. March 28. The program is for BAC students, high school students and their parents, counselors and teachers so they can learn more about colleges, universities and technical schools in Illinois and Missouri.

Colleges that will have representatives at the college night include: BAC, Boatmen's Bank, College of the Ozarks, Deaconess College of Nursing, Eastern Illinois University, Fontbonne College, Illinois College, Illinois State University, Jewish Hospital College of Nursing and Allied Health, Lindenwood College, Lutheran Medical Center School of Nursing, MacMurray College, Maryville University, McKendree College, National-Louis University, Northeast Missouri State University, Park College at Scott Air Force Base, Purdue University, Southeast Missouri State University, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, St. Louis University, and others.

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Superintendent plan tabled

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A proposal to eliminate the assistant superintendent position in the Madison School District was tabled Thursday after the board listened to numerous objections from a standing room only crowd.

Many of the speakers in the predominantly African-American crowd said the proposal was racist or would send a racist message to the community.

Board members said the issue was economic, not racial.

The board approved tabling a decision on the proposal until it could consider other alternatives. The vote was 5-1, with board member Joseph Garcia the only dissenting vote. Board member Jeff Bridick was absent.

Garcia said after the meeting the issue should be finding a better way to administer the district, not money or race.

The board had met with Assistant Superintendent Hilda Everage, who is black, on Tuesday to discuss the issue. If the plan is approved, Board President John Hamm said she would be offered a position as an assistant principal at the high school.

Superintendent Gary Allison said the move was being made because of an anticipated 17 percent decrease in federal money for the district's Title I program. Much of the program is administered by Everage, and Title I funds pay for most of her salary.

The assistant principal's position at the high school would be upgraded to full time. It is now a half-time position.

Allison said the additional administrator is needed at the high school because of other programs approved during Thursday's board meeting.

Speakers said other alternatives should be considered. Suggestions ranged from getting rid of high school teachers to waiting for official word of the funding cuts.

The first to speak was Mayor Tyrone Echols of Venice, who said the board should reconsider the proposal.

"I see no money to be saved," he said. "I am diametrically opposed to eliminating this position."



(Staff photo by SCOTT COUSINS)

The Rev. Wilbur Owens, a former member of the Madison School Board, speaks against the elimination of the assistant superintendent's position during Thursday's school board meeting.

County Board member Don Garrett of Madison said the message eliminating the job for the district, it's not an issue of dollars and cents."

"Even if you save some money, I can't believe you would go ahead with this plan."

"Moves such as this create turmoil, make for poor black/white relationships, and we will all suffer," he said.

"Some of the things you are doing seem arrogant and racist to some people," he said. "I've always said Madison is one of the most racist cities in this nation."

Eliminating the position would eliminate black participation in the administration, he added.

"We have waited in the wings for a long time," Garrett continued. "Some of the moves you make may make any kind of reconciliation impossible."

Others echoed that sentiment, including Venice Alderman Harold Wilson, who called it "economic genocide."

Hamm said the issues were economic.

"A lot of thought has gone into this," he said. "Mrs. Everage has done a fine job for the district. It's not an issue of dollars and cents."

He said the goal of the district was to get off the State Board of Education's financial watch list, and noted the district may be able to do so as soon as next year.

Madison Alderman Norris Horton then said the problem was too many teachers at the high school.

He said that in grades 9-12 the district has a student-teacher ratio of 13.3 to 1, while the average for both the state and other school districts is the same size is about 18 to 1.

"These figures tell me that we have too many teachers," he said. "If you want to save money, you have to look at eliminating teachers."

However, board members asked what the ratio of students to administrators was and Horton said it was 209.2 to 1, while the state average was 282.3 to 1.

"We have too many administrators," Hamm said. Hamm also noted that the board looked at that a few years back, and that all the teachers were needed at the high school.

Board member John E. Newsome said the assistant superintendent's position has traditionally been a black person, and served as a buffer between the black community and the district.

"Having someone black in the central office has stopped some problems," he said. Elementary education teacher Terry Bilheimer also defended Everage and the position.

"She has done so much for our children," Bilheimer said. "I really cannot see that the district is going to help the children by eliminating the position."

After discussion concluded, the board voted to table a decision until a special board meeting, to be announced at a later date.

Blood drive here Monday

The Young Democrats of Madison County will sponsor a blood drive 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, March 18, at St. Gregory's Armenian Community Center in Granite City.



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Three fired at victims' center

Volunteers say they are concerned about treatment

Former employees and volunteers of Sexual Assault Victims First in Collinsville say they are concerned about the quality of treatment Madison County clients are receiving after a major staff overhaul.

The agency's executive board fired Executive Director Susan Sticha of Alton and another employee and dismissed volunteer Frankie Graham of Troy last month after Graham filed a complaint on behalf of a black staff member.

"I filed a grievance at the center because I had reason to believe a staff member had been discriminated against," Graham said. "I was told I was no longer needed at the center because I wasn't a team player."

Graham said she filed the internal grievance in November, shortly after she learned of an alleged act of discrimination.

Graham said a fraternal organization offered a \$2,500 donation to the center in August to help fund a counseling program for children, but the donation was reportedly subject to certain

conditions.

"Two members of the (organization) approached two board members and said they would like someone from the center to accept the donation at a meeting," Graham said. "They said anyone could come except a person of color. It just so happened that the counselor in charge of the children's program was black. The board did not allow her to accept the grant."

The counselor reportedly accepted another position and resigned from the center Feb. 9, one week before Sticha and Maggie Corbin of Glen Carbon, the center's advocacy coordinator, were fired.

Sticha, who worked at the center seven months, said she was never given an explanation for her termination.

"I was told I was colluding with the staff in an attempt to get rid of the executive board," Sticha said. "The whole thing was absurd. They were upset about the grievance, but a lot of very positive things did take place after it was filed."

"We started sensitivity training. Unfortunately, after

the counselor left, the training ended."

Victims First Board President Rebecca Carr declined Tuesday to discuss the grievance or the termination of Sticha, the center's third director since its inception in June 1994.

Carr also declined to discuss the termination of Corbin, the fourth person to hold the title of advocacy coordinator, but did acknowledge that Graham was terminated because she was not a team player.

"Team play is essential to the center," she said. "That's all I want to say. I discussed (the grievance) with (Graham), but I'm not going to get into that."

Corbin said she was told she was fired because of an inability to work with the board.

"I was told by the board that it wasn't my work skills; it was my inability to work with the board," said Corbin, who worked at the center for six months.

They fired us because they couldn't control us. I believe they wanted us to fire (Graham) and we wouldn't do it. She was an excellent volunteer."

Sticha said she fears the constant turnover at the center will cause unnecessary harm to clients, who come from throughout Madison County. The agency treats victims of rape by an assailant, acquaintance rape, child sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

Polly Poskin, the coalition's executive director, declined to discuss the grievance. "We have information from the center and we are still in the process of resolving the issue," she said.

Sticha, Corbin and Graham all said they are concerned about the quality of treatment the center provides.

"These victims need stability, and I don't think they are going to find it there," Corbin said. "It is not my intent to run that agency into the ground. My concern is with the victims."

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Letter to the editor

Gun column hard to believe

TO THE EDITOR:
I guess the kindest thing that I can say about Don Miller's recent column on gun control is that since it's on the editorial page, it can be dismissed as the product of an overactive imagination. A less charitable observer might say that it is a transparent, clumsy gun control fable complete with a moral.

It's all there: the mercenary gun dealer, the shattered lives of family members, hot-headed gun owners with no self-control, and the reasonable alternative of a burglar alarm for the gun dealer who has seen the error of his ways.

Having owned a gun shop for over 10 years and having met many hundreds of gun owners, including other gun shop owners, I can safely say that I have never met a single person who displayed any of the cynical attitudes toward gun owners and potential customers that this individual has expressed.

Portraying a person who has committed time and money to the gun industry as a livelihood to be secretly mouthing the bromides of the gun bigots is akin to saying that Sarah Brady is a closet National Rifle Association member.

The contention that 10 to 20 percent of his self-defense customers will lose their guns in a burglary is ridiculous on its

face. Nationwide that would translate to almost 10 million burglaries in a two-year period. Not enough hours are in the day for that kind of crime wave.

Particularly galling is the assertion that 100 innocents are shot for every burglar shot at. Using the latest numbers available from the National Center for Health Statistics, firearms were involved in 1,441 accidental shootings. Civilian-involved justifiable homicides (not burglars shot at, but who actually died) account for some 2,150.

If Mr. Miller's statement were true, a minimum of 215,000 accidents would have had to occur. Since the actual number is 1,441, he has missed the mark by 14,920 percent.

Do you smell something? Not really fishy. I know. It's the smell of that dead horse of gun control being whipped again, even though that horse drowned 25 years ago in the quagmire of failed social experimentation.

Please, Mr. Politician, pass more gun laws on top of the ones we already have to protect me from myself. After all, I'm too afraid, lazy and stupid to learn how to use guns responsibly and clearly can't be trusted. But make sure that your burglar alarm is on a detachable bracket so you can hit the home invader over the head with it lest he not be suitably impressed.

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Editorials

Endorsements

Democrats in Madison County have several choices to make in Tuesday's primary election. Republicans have few choices except for president, where eight candidates' names will be on the ballot (although only two remain in the race).

There are contests for three county board seats in the Granite City area and the state house post in the 111th legislative district.

Re-elect Davis

Incumbent State Rep. Steve Davis of Bethalto is being challenged in the 111th by Madison County Board member Charles "Tim" Knott of Mitchell for the Democratic nomination. Davis, a former township highway commissioner, was appointed to the 111th seat two years ago, just prior to the end of the legislative session, to fill a vacancy when long-time State Rep. and House Majority Leader Jim McPike retired. Davis, who ran on a pro labor platform, was subsequently elected in a surprisingly close race in November 1994.

Knott was first elected to the county board four years ago.

But, rather than running a campaign based on his record, Knott has chosen to attack Davis and his voting record. Knott has said Davis is beholden to special interests and represents only a select few. When pressed for specifics, however, Knott cannot deliver.

Davis' record speaks for itself. He said he is pro labor and he has a 93 percent record voting in favor of labor issues to back his claim. Whether or not you agree with Davis, you certainly know where he stands. That is more than we can say for Knott, who has in the past caved in to pressure after promising constituents to deliver for them.

One more reason to vote for Davis is his seniority. Because Davis took office prior to the 1994 election, he is well ahead of the rest of his "freshman class" on the seniority list, placing him in line for important committee assignments which can only be good for residents of this area.

Vote for STEVE DAVIS in the 111th District.

Polley in District 16

In County Board District 16, two Democratic township officials are vying to occupy the seat Knott is giving up. For residents familiar with both Chouteau Township Supervisor Pat Polley and Nameoki Town Clerk Helen Hawkins, the choice should be an easy one.

Polley has been a public servant for nearly 25 years. During that time, she has quietly managed to get things done, whether it was badly-needed sewers or repairs to flood damage. She is a compassionate individual who listens to the needs of her constituents, then works with other officials in order to complete a project.

Hawkins has been vocal for as long as Polley has been effective. Over the past 30 years, Hawkins has managed to alter the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Illinois Division of Water Resources, the Metro East Sanitary District, and state and local officials with her demands

for flood relief in the Dobrey Slough area.

While Hawkins was busy complaining, local officials from Granite City, Nameoki Township and MESSD acquired a new and larger pump for the area last year. Many of those say the acquisition was possible only because Hawkins was not involved in the project.

A little cooperation goes a long way toward getting results in politics. Hawkins has proven her inability to get along. With her track record, how can we expect her to get anything accomplished on the county board?

In politics, there are winners and there are losers. PAT POLLEY is a loser and deserves to be elected to the county board.

Re-elect Laub, Romine

Residents of County Board Districts 19 and 21 are fortunate to have excellent current representation as well as competent candidates willing to serve.

In District 19, Frank Laub, a Democrat, has served on the board for 10 years. He is a proven leader who knows the ropes and watches over every project.

Harold Davis is also a hard worker and proven leader, having served the Granite City School Board, Nameoki Township (as supervisor) and Long Lake Fire Protection District. Newcomer Joe Papa has impressive credentials.

In District 21, Democrat Ray Romine has shown an ability to listen to his constituents' needs and to comprehend complex issues. Former Board member Vasil Efimoff is dedicated to his community.

We see no reason not to re-elect FRANK LAUB and RAY ROMINE to the county board.

The rest

Countywide, there is only one contested race in the Democratic primary — former recorder of deeds Ronald Lucas of Maryville is challenging the incumbent, Dan Donohoo.

Donohoo unseated Lucas years ago because he was the better candidate. That has not changed. DAN DONOHOO deserves the Democratic nomination for recorder of deeds.

Other Democratic countywide officials deserving your vote are State's Attorney WILLIAM HAINE, Coroner DALLAS BURKE, Auditor FRED BATHON, and Circuit Clerk MATT MELUCCI.

In other Democratic primary races, we endorse: JAY HOFFMAN of Collinsville for U.S. Congress in the 20th District. Hoffman, at 34, already has an impressive record of public service.


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In the Republican primary:


JOHN SHIMKUS for U.S. Rep. from the 20th District. Shimkus, of Collinsville, is running in a field of seven. The seven seek the post being vacated by Durbin. While Shimkus has only his record at the county level to boast of, the other candidates have little to top that.

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Lucas' name ruled off ballot

Madison County officials are trying to determine how to comply with an appellate court's ruling that a candidate's name be stricken from the ballot in Tuesday's Democratic primary.

The 5th District Appellate Court on Thursday reversed a judge's decision and ruled that Ronald "Rink" Lucas' name should not appear on the ballot as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for county recorder of deeds.

The decision, based on a challenge to Lucas' nominating petitions, leaves incumbent Recorder of Deeds Dan Donohoo unopposed for the nomination.

Adding to the uncertainty is Lucas' plan to appeal the 5th District decision to the Illinois Supreme Court.

"We don't know what to do," County Clerk Debbie Saltich said. "Everything has been delivered to the precincts. Taking the name off the ballot is probably out of the question."

Saltich said the electronic vote counting system could be reprogrammed so that it would not count votes for Lucas. That would be easier than physically removing the name from ballots but still would take hours of work, she said.

The counting system would have to be retested for each precinct and the last such testing took 10 people three days, Saltich said. She

anticipates her staff will put in hours of overtime this weekend.

Saltich said she would discuss the situation with the State Board of Elections Friday to see if it can provide guidance.

Lucas' attorney, Carl Draper, said Friday: "We'll be in the Supreme Court filing papers" today. "It's obviously an extraordinary issue in terms of timing."

Draper said he could not predict what the court would do. He said it might order the appellate court ruling stayed pending arguments or might rule based on the written record of previous proceedings.

In the meantime, he said, Lucas and his supporters will be campaigning over the weekend.

Donohoo said Thursday he felt like a boxer who had trained hard for an important match only to have his opponent forfeit.

"I ran a campaign as if there was going to be a contest," Donohoo said.

Lucas appealed to the Circuit Court after the County Officers Electoral Board ruled that his nominating petition did not contain the required number of valid signatures.

The board ruled in response to objections by attorney Tom Lakin, a member of the executive committee of the Madison County Democratic Central Committee.



Ronald Lucas

Also causing problems for election officials is the state's two-tiered voting system. Election officials know that there will be some upset people Tuesday when those people learn that they can vote only for national candidates.

With the two-tiered law, which took effect in August, employees at driver stations were instructed to ask patrons if they wished to register to vote under the federal law.

The stations also have staff members who are deputy registrars who could sign up voters under state law — but who would only do so if asked.

"I sent out voter registration cards to people who didn't even know they had registered (under the federal law)," Saltich said.

"When they renewed their licenses or visited a welfare office, they just thought it was another paper they were signing," Saltich said.

She is anticipating a turnout of 25 to 30 percent of eligible voters. From the Alton Telegraph with information from staff writer Nicole Vaughn

Hawkins protests decision

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A candidate for the Madison County Board has complained about what she calls "shabby" treatment by union officials who failed to endorse her.

Union officials said they were fair, her complaints were overstated and she had tried to raise similar issues in the past.

In late February the Tri-City Chapter of the Greater Madison County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, endorsed Chouteau Township Supervisor Pat Polley over Nameoki Township Clerk Helen Hawkins for the county board seat now held by Tim Knott.

Knott is running against incumbent State Rep. Steve Davis in the Democratic primary.

Hawkins said the committee that interviewed her was stacked with supporters of her foe, and officials told her not to question the group's decision after she was not picked.

In a letter to Federation President George Machino, Hawkins said when she went in for the candidate interview on Feb. 8, three of the five panel members were Polley supporters.

"It was an unfair situation," she said in the letter. "I answered the questions to the best of my ability, but I felt intimidated by the majority who I felt stacked the deck against me."

Hawkins said she called the federation's office on Feb. 16 to find out what the decision was. Three days later she said Chapter Chairman Gary

Gaines called to tell her she was not endorsed, but would not give a reason why.

"His only answer was they would not back an ax-murderer just because he was union when there was another person, nonunion, they felt was better for the job."

She said she was shocked and hurt by the "ax-murderer" comment.

Hawkins said she was a member of Building Service Employees Local 98.

Gaines said he told members of the panel that union mem-

bership "would be nice, but not a prerequisite."

Interview chairman Jack Greer said Hawkins' complaints were not true.

"She was not treated shabbily, and the questions were identical," he said.

"She is hurting herself with this," he said.

Polley said she has always sought union support and thought the endorsement process was fair.

"When I went in they told me they were asking us both the same questions," she said.

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primary — in the November general election.

Incumbent State Reps. Tom Holbrook (113th) and Wyvetter Young (114th) are unopposed. Young will face off with Republican Alvin Piolet in November.

In the 11th District race for the state House, incumbent Steve Davis of Bethalto is being challenged by current county board member Charles "Tim" Knott of Mitchell for the Democratic nomination. The winner will face Republican Jim Mihalic in the November general election.

Two township officials, Chouteau Township Supervisor Pat Polley and Nameoki Township Clerk Helen Hawkins, are seeking the Democratic nomination for Knott's seat in county board District 18.

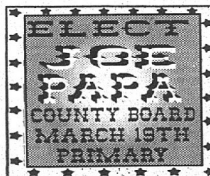
Incumbent Frank Laub is being challenged for the Democratic nomination for his seat in county board District 19 by three candidates: Harold Davis, former Nameoki Township supervisor, school board member and Long Lake Fire District trustee; Olin employee Joe Pape; and Michael Antonovich Sr.

In county board District 21, incumbent Ray Romine is being challenged by former board member Vasil Eftimoff.

A number of Democratic countywide officeholders are seeking re-election. Only incumbent Recorder of Deeds Dan Donohoo faced a primary challenge from former Recorder Ronald Lucas, although an Appellate Court ruling Thursday may have thrown Lucas' name off the ballot.

Others seeking re-election are State's Attorney William Haine, Coroner Dallas Burke, Auditor Fred Bathon and Circuit Clerk Matt Melucci.

Republicans Finnegan and Chris Doucett announced plans Thursday to mount write-in candidacies for auditor and recorder, respectively.



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Open auditions for children interested in roles in the Broadway musical "Oliver" are set for noon, 1 and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 23. Director Peter Cocuzza will consider boys and girls, ages 10-14, for parts in the popular Lionel Bart musical. Cocuzza, an assistant professor of theater and dance at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, suggests auditioning children should arrive dressed in loose-fitting clothes for movement and dance. They also should be prepared to read from scripts provided and to learn a song from the musical. The auditions are scheduled in or near the large dance studio on the second floor of SIUE's Communications Building.

"Oliver" will be staged at 7:30 p.m. June 20-23 and 27-30, in the Communications Building theater. Rehearsals begin May 13, with flexible scheduling after school and evenings. To make an appointment, call 692-2773, or call from St. Louis toll-free, 814-621-5168, extension 2773.



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The "Roots of Bluegrass" show will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, March 27, at BAC's Belleville Campus Theater, 2500 Carlyle Avenue.

The show will also include The Smokehouse All Stars; 11-year old Junior Fiddle Player Aaron Hummert and 11-year old banjo player Aaron Shin, both of Swansea; a special Cajun Music set featuring Zane Prosser; and a St. Patrick's Day Tribute with traditional Irish music.

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Trivia

Irish fond of celebrating their culture

By Kevin Carberry
Staff writer

I'm not sure why those of us of Irish descent are so interested in our heritage, but it seems as though we celebrate our culture more actively than most others.

Take St. Patrick's Day, for example, which is coming around again Sunday. This weekend, there will be parades and parties all around America and around the world, if stories I hear are right. It must be a hoot to go to a St. Patrick's Day parade in South America or Australia.

Not that it isn't entertaining to do so in St. Louis. I've participated in a few St. Patrick's Day parades and had a blast each time.

Maybe the reason the Irish are so fascinated with their heritage is that so much of it has been passed down through storytelling from generation to generation. While I actually have more German than Irish blood in me, I know much more about my Irish side and I identify with it more. The Irish portion of my family spoke of its lineage and culture more than the German did.

The Irish are a people fond of communicating, thus the stories of the land get passed along. The small country has produced such huge literary names as James Joyce, George Bernard Shaw and Jonathan Swift. If something happens in Ireland, there's a pretty good chance someone will write a story and/or a song about it.

The topic of Ireland was always of interest in my family. We can trace our Carberry roots back to Westmeath in Ireland and we probably still have family there. According to Irish

family name books I've seen, the Carberrys or MacCarberrys were all part of the O'Carbair or MacCarbair septs in Ireland.

So, in honor of St. Patrick's Day, this week's trivia is on Ireland and its traditions.

1. What was it St. Patrick was supposed to have done from the Croagh Patrick mountain in County Mayo?

2. The start of this old Irish saying is, "May you be in heaven an hour." How does it finish?

3. What is an Irish cudgel called?

4. What's supposed to happen if you catch a leprechaun?

5. What do the Irish call a female spirit whose appearance or wailing warns of the approaching death of a family member?

6. What does O' in a family name mean?

7. What is the most common family name in Ireland?

8. What was the language of the Celtic tribes who settled in Ireland?

9. What is supposed to happen to people who kiss the Blarney Stone?

10. What was St. Patrick's real name?

ANSWERS: 1. He cast the serpents out of Ireland. 2. "May you be in heaven an hour." 3. A bannish. 4. He tells you where his pot of gold is buried. 5. A banshee. 6. A banshee. 7. A banshee. 8. A banshee. 9. A banshee. 10. A banshee.

Horoscope

Sunday, March 17
ARIES (March 21-April 19). Slight shifts in attitude gain you immediate romantic cooperation. Students find ways to make money part time. Scholarships and bonuses come if you apply now.

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CANCER (June 22-July 22). Refrain from jumping into a new relationship until you've recuperated from a past hurt. Involve yourself with groups. A financial matter is less complicated than you think.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Place yourself in a more artistic environment. Your concerns about children are wrong. They just need time alone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Love becomes a top priority. You are required for a job.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Nonprofit activities become boosts for your career. Be assertive about going after a coveted job. Help comes from a highly placed friend. A request is granted. Assumptions are not correct.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Work while others relax. You have great luck in contests or games. Your intuition is keen, but in love, you are too emotional. Don't get involved with a neighbor's problem.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Share responsibilities, as you can't do everything in a new venture yourself. Let people know of your availability. An ex is anxious to make a connection.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You must listen to what a current love says. Drastic changes may upset you. Professionals are asked to join prestigious groups. Improve personal appearance by asking for advice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Pursue a former business associate who can now help you. Don't change your career course because of criticism from others. A current love is unable to say how he or she feels.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have luck with music, art, sports and self-improvement ventures. Drop names of others who are impressed. You are too involved with someone — be rational.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Forget old-fashioned work methods. Spend money on up-to-date equipment. Heart-to-heart talks with relatives bring results. A confrontation is painful but necessary.

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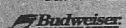
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"I want to make this business-the County of Madison responsive and relevant to the taxpayers who are paying for it."

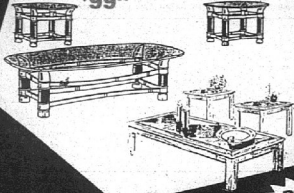
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Area boys and girls rankings.

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BASKETBALL

Park District scores and standings.

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Art Voellinger

Repeat titles rare sight in hoops

It has been mentioned here previously that one of the most amazing feats I've witnessed in sports on any level is the three-peat achieved by East St. Louis Lincoln in a triple overtime victory over Peoria in 1989 for the Class AA state boys basketball championship. Winning a third consecutive title was a first for the state—a record that may never be broken.

I thought of such while appreciating the Class A crowns for the Shelbyville boys and Carlyle girls—first for each but also thrusting the schools into the defending champion category.

How tough is it to repeat? On the Class A level, only Lawrenceville (in 1983) has a boys repeat, and in Class A girls, only Quincy Notre Dame ('84), Teutopolis ('90) and Carthage ('93) have repeated.

Yet, it appears Shelbyville and Carlyle can begin working toward No. 2, since each returns a strong nucleus after romping to 34-1 and 32-2 records, respectively.

For Shelbyville, 6-foot-9 junior all-star Rich Beyers will come back with fellow juniors Mike Steers (6-3) and Todd Wilderman (6-1) and 5-10 sophomore Dick Herdies. The cupboard, though, will not be bare for Breese Mater Dei with the return of juniors Adam Zieren, Glen Zimmerman, Jeremy Albers, Jason Miller and sophomores Keith Langenhorst, Eric Benhoff, Bob Tebbe and Chris Boien.

In a sense, Mater Dei always will be a threat, especially when you consider the words of Shelbyville coach Sean Taylor as far back as Dec. 7 when, after his team shocked Booker T. Washington of Tulsa (Okla.) in the St. Louis Shootout, he referred to the toughness of his schedule.

"Our conference may be as tough as anything we face," said Taylor of the competition in the Mid-State Conference. "And, these kids never have beaten Mater Dei."

The latter was achieved three times in '95-96—something completed with a state championship 58-45 victory.

For the Carlyle girls, of the 16 listed on the roster, only senior Shannon Pollmann will be lost to graduation. Courtney Smith, a two-time all-star as a junior, is enough to merit a No. 1 ranking long before the '96-97 season.

Also returning will be 5-9 center Leslie Dumstorf, who scored a career-high 27 points in the 86-50 rout of Carthage in the title game, and speedy guard Erin Knuf.

Add to that a solid freshman class and current eight graders who won a recent state junior high title.

NET NOTE: The meeting of the Belleville East and Highland boys at Carbondale in the Class AA super-sectional sent me to the record books, where it appears the last time two Northwestern Illinois schools met there was in 1974.

That's when Mater Dei downed Belleville West, 66-60. At Champaign, the Knights toppled Oswego, 63-49. Before losing 64-42 to eventual state champ Maywood Proviso East.

Belleville West players appearing in the game at Carbondale were Don Barton, Mark Hargis, Joe Holtgrewe, Tim Katzmark, Rusty Lisch, Bill Schmidt, Dave Wild and Milton Wiley.

FOOTNOTE: Had Pope County (enrollment 191) beaten Mater Dei instead of losing 51-41 in the Class A super-sectional this season at Carbondale, the upset would have been heard loudly in Indiana, where a decision will be made regarding class systems in that state.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESI)

Granite City second baseman Eric Edwards fields a ground ball. The Warriors begin the season Friday at home against East Moline. See Wednesday's Journal for a season preview.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESI)

The Granite City Wrestling Club's place winners this season were (from left) George Kirgan, Gary Oxford, Zach May, David Crouch and Jake Tartan. Oxford won the 89-pound state title.

Wrestling club caps off season at state tourney

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The Granite City Wrestling Club finished its season in fine style, and the outlook is once again bright for future high school teams.

Granite City finished sixth at the individual state meet March 9 in Moline. Although the meet crowned individual champions, team scores were kept, unlike at the high school level.

Granite City was just four points out of third place, in a very close, competitive tournament.

"We were just 18 points out of first place," said Granite City coach Allen Kirgan. "Usually, there are two or three teams that are close, with the rest far behind. This was the closest in 10 years."

Granite City finished with five state place winners out of 15 wrestlers who qualified from the Vandavia Sectional.

Leading the pack was Gary Oxford, who won the state championship in the 89-pound weight class. Oxford defeated last year's champion, Josh Price, 2-0 in the title match.

Placing second was George Kirgan at 156 pounds. Kirgan lost a tight 1-0 match to Adam Sessa.

Zach May placed fourth at 115 pounds. David Crouch placed fifth at 275, and Jake Tartan was also fifth at 74 pounds.

Two other wrestlers just missed placing. Steven Peach finished just one match away from placing, as he lost to the eventual third-place winner in the novice 66-pound quarterfinal.

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SIUE women's tennis squad back on upswing

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville tennis team is using a pair of Granite City natives to help turn the program around.

Bill Logan of Granite City is the head coach of both the men's and women's tennis teams at SIUE. After coaching the men's team for several years, he took over the struggling women's program in 1994, and really turned the team's direction around.

After the SIUE women's team won the NCAA Division II championship in 1989, the team won only six matches over the next five years. The Cougars were 0-9 in 1990, and 0-10 in 1995.

But then Logan took over, and with the help of some talented local players, the Cougars finished 14-0 this season and won their first-ever Great Lakes Valley Conference



Keri Livingstone
The team was presented with their conference trophy at a recent SIUE basketball game.
"We're very proud of this (See SIUE, Page 3B)

Numbers running high for GCHS track squads

Depth, returning athletes to lead Warriors

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Gene Briggs is beginning his second season at the helm of the Granite City track program, after spending 17 years at Madison High School.

And this year, Briggs is happy to have more than 80 girls and boys out for the program. The Warriors will try to make some headway in the extremely tough Southwestern Conference and their area track schedule.

Briggs said he has 40 to 50 boys out, as well as 40 to 45 girls.

"The turnout has just been tremendous, and the numbers should help us," Briggs said. "We have a lot of talent and depth on the boys' side, and

good talent but not quite as much depth with the girls."

"But it's such a competitive area, with teams like East St. Louis and Lincoln, who will both go to state," Belleville's O'Fallon said. "Alton and Collinsville, too."

The Warriors have already participated in one indoor invitational meet this year, at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Briggs said with over 30



Briggs

girls and boys teams on hand at Carbondale, the level of competition was very high. That's why he can be happy about the results from that meet. Granite City had several top-10 finishes, and even more in the lower teens.

Briggs will be counting on a group of 11 returning lettermen on the boys team. But he'll also get some help from several other sources as well.

Returning lettermen for the boys team include seniors Matt Bringer, John Gardine, Eddie Hartin, Jason Peeler and Larry Wiegand. Also returning are juniors Curtis Howard, Kelly Huckelberry and Robert Lamplitt.

Also returning will be sophomores Shana Eddle and

(See TRACK, Page 3B)

Warriors hope to overcome added hurdle

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The Granite City Warriors' track teams will have a major challenge just going up against the local competition. They really don't need any other obstacles.

But in spite of the work of the coaches, athletes and school administrators, obstacles do remain.

Despite the fact that more than 80 students have come out for the track program, the track facilities at the high school are suffering. The track itself has yet to be rolled out, and high jump and long jump areas are nearly unusable.

As a result, high jumpers are still jumping indoors, despite the warm weather. And long jumpers must place a mat over the concrete runway to the landing pit.

Once again, the GCHS track teams will not have a home track meet this season. And it seems that the powers that be aren't willing to change that.

But instead of pointing fingers or blaming individuals, coach Gene Briggs would rather talk about the positive issues.

"It seems that our support is weak in some regards," he said. "There are some things which need to be done and haven't been. But I know athletic director Jerry McKeahan and principal Bill Rotter have both been bending over backwards for us, and we appreciate that."

"And our athletes aren't going to let any of it stop them. We have a quality group of kids, and they've been working as hard as you could ask them to. Between them and the coaches, we're doing everything we can."

Other things, such as a storage shed for track equipment, could be used, but are expensive. But it seems strange that even yearly maintenance chores have yet to be addressed.

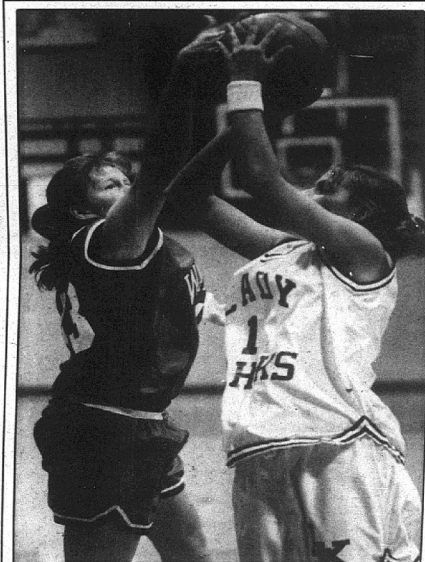
And similar situations are visible at other schools, although many of them have little more than a handful of students out for track. But the Warriors' numbers are huge.

"It's a bad thing to deal with," Briggs said. "The public has been supportive, but I think they might be even more so if we had some meets at home. But we'll keep going."

Unlike some track coaches, Briggs said he considers the track season as more than just a time-up for the regionals and sectionals.

"There is a sectional that is held, where the top athletes qualify for state, and we would certainly like to qualify as many as we could. But our goal is to perform consistently throughout the year. If we do that, we'll be in shape to qualify some people."

"Our goal is to do our best each time out. Whether we win a meet or not, we want people to notice us."



GCHS senior Denise McMillan (left) gets her hand on a shot by Collinsville's Crystal Tarr. McMillan, an all-Southwestern Conference first team selection, led the Metro East in scoring this season with an average of 24.1 points per game.

McMillan closes career as area's scoring leader

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

As far as high school resumes go, they don't get much better than Denise McMillan's.

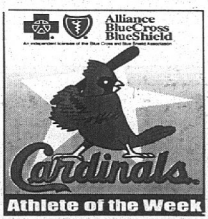
McMillan, 17, is an all-Southwestern Conference performer in two sports, and is currently ranked second in her senior class at Granite City High School.

For her outstanding collection of athletic and academic honors, McMillan has been chosen as the Illinois Journal's Cardinal Club Athlete of the Week.

McMillan just completed her fourth year of lettering in basketball, when she led the Metro East area in scoring at 24.1 points per game.

She finished second on the all-time scoring list at Granite City with 1,250 points, behind only Jamie Cavanaugh—now a freshman at St. Louis University.

But McMillan also has three varsity letters in volleyball, and one in soccer. She was captain of both the Lady Warriors' basketball and volleyball teams.

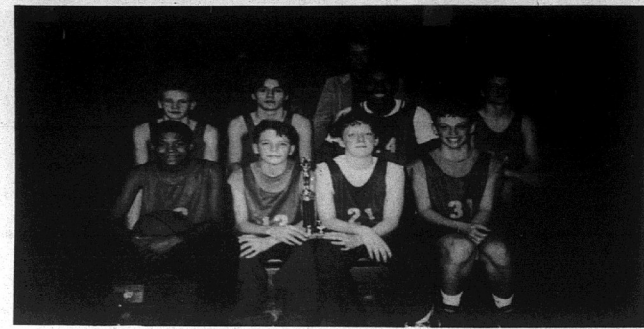


The daughter of Charles and Marilyn McMillan of Granite City, Denise said her greatest honor was being named to the all-area team in basketball.

"The most rewarding achievement was being named to that team, because it includes players from the entire area," McMillan said. "Individually, I thought I had a pretty good season, and it was also a thrill to be named to the first-team all-conference as well."

(See MCMILLAN, Page 3B)

Stats 'n' stuff



The Granite City Tar Heels finished third in the eight-team Jefferson College Basketball Tournament in Hillsboro, Mo. The team will compete in a 14-and-under AAU tournament March 23-24 at Belleville Area College. Team members include (front row from left) Ramon Kelly, Brett Briggs, Aaron Hoback, Justin Jones; middle row, Justin Cann, Kevin Elliott, A. Lindsey, Matt Pistorius; back row, coaches R.C. Kelly and Kelly Hogan.

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Tuesday, Feb. 27
Game 1: Collinsville 93, East Alton-Wood River 47
Game 2: Granite City 77, Jacksonville 56
Game 3: East St. Louis Lincoln 80, Belleville West 61
Game 4: Edwardsville 49, Waterloo 41

Wednesday, Feb. 28
Game 5: Belleville East 107, Bethalto Civic Memorial 55
Game 6: Jerseyville 66, Cahokia 54
Game 7: Alton 78, East St. Louis 59
Game 8: Taylorville 62, Chatham Glenwood 54

Friday, March 1
Game 9: Collinsville 61, Granite City 46
Game 10: Edwardsville 93, East St. Louis Lincoln 56
Game 11: Belleville East 61, Jerseyville 47
Game 12: Alton 59, Taylorville 52

Tuesday, March 5
at SIUE
Game 13: Edwardsville 52, Collinsville 47 (OT)
Wednesday, March 6
Game 14: Belleville East 70, Alton 65 (OT)

Friday, March 8
at Salem
Game 15: Belleville East 50, Edwardsville 41
Salem Sectional
Tuesday, Feb. 27
Game 1: Centralia (bye)
Game 2: Triad 56, Marion 46
Game 3: Carbondale 103, Mur-

physboro 53
Game 4: Paris 65, Charleston 51

Wednesday, Feb. 28
Game 5: Highland 78, Mattoon 54
Game 6: Mount Carmel 63, Effingham 58
Game 7: Mascoutah 72, O'Fallon 57
Game 8: Mount Vernon 66, Salem 54

Friday, March 1
Game 9: Triad 78, Centralia 74 (OT)
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Tuesday, March 5
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Game 14: Highland 73, Mascoutah 59

Friday, March 8
at Carver Arena, Peoria Civic Center
Game 15: Peoria Manual (29-2) vs. Hinsdale Central (27-3), 12:15 p.m.
Game 16: Belleville East (24-6) vs. Winnetka New Trier (24-5), 1:45 p.m.
Game 17: Harvey Thornton (30-0) vs. Rock Island (29-1), 6:45 p.m.
Game 18: Hoffman Estates (27-3) vs. Chicago Westinghouse (26-4), 8:15 p.m.

State tournament
Friday, March 15
at Carver Arena, Peoria Civic Center
Game 19: Peoria Manual (29-2) vs. Hinsdale Central (27-3), 12:15 p.m.
Game 20: Belleville East (24-6) vs. Winnetka New Trier (24-5), 1:45 p.m.
Game 21: Harvey Thornton (30-0) vs. Rock Island (29-1), 6:45 p.m.
Game 22: Hoffman Estates (27-3) vs. Chicago Westinghouse (26-4), 8:15 p.m.

Freeburg Regional
Monday, Feb. 19
Game 1: Freeburg 76, Lovejoy 68
Game 2: Alhouth 75, Lebanon 67
Tuesday, Feb. 20
Game 3: Westlin 52, Dupo 41

Saturday, March 16
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 11:15 a.m.
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 12:45 p.m.
Third place: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 6:45 p.m.
State championship: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 8:15 p.m.

CLASS A BOYS
Marissa Regional
Monday, Feb. 19
Game 1: New Athens 65, Red Bud 42
Tuesday, Feb. 20
Game 2: Gibault 62, Marissa 33
Game 3: Sparta 77, Valmeyer 60
Wednesday, Feb. 21
Game 4: Columbia 88, New Athens 58

Thursday, Feb. 22
Game 5: Sparta 56, Gibault 45
Friday, Feb. 23
Title: Columbia 54, Sparta 52

Benton Sectional
Tuesday, Feb. 27
Game 1: Breese Mater Dei 64, Webster Township 62
Wednesday, Feb. 28
Game 2: Pinckneyville 69, Columbia 64
Friday, March 1
Championship: Breese Mater Dei 42, Pinckneyville 34

Carbondale Super-Sectional
Friday, March 1
at Carver Arena, Peoria Civic Center
Game 1: Peoria Manual (29-2) vs. Hinsdale Central (27-3), 12:15 p.m.
Game 2: Belleville East (24-6) vs. Winnetka New Trier (24-5), 1:45 p.m.
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By the numbers

Journal Writers' Poll Boys Basketball

LARGE SCHOOLS
1. Webster Groves (29-3).....60
2. DeSmet (25-7).....54
3. Belleville East (23-6).....42
4. CBC (22-5).....41
5. Collinsville (22-6).....38
6. St. Charles West (23-6).....29
7. Vashon (22-3).....24
8. Marquette (21-4).....19
9. Northwest (20-9).....11
10. Parkway C. (23-4).....8

SMALL SCHOOLS
1. Cardinal Ritter (23-6).....60
2. Freeburg (25-7).....54
3. Borkley (22-6).....47
4. Lutheran South (17-11).....42
5. Wellston (17-8).....34
6. Columbia (21-8).....27
7. Burroughs (21-7).....24

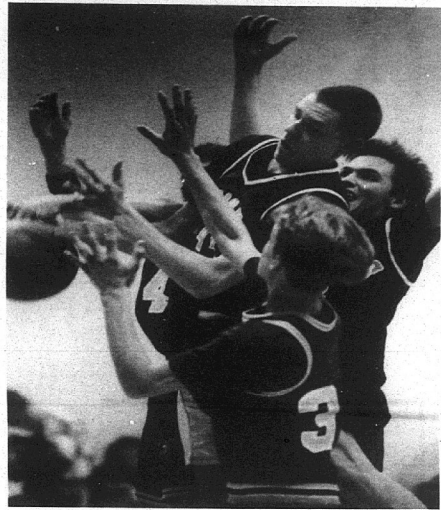
Journal Writers' Poll Girls Basketball

LARGE SCHOOLS
1. Cor Jesu (29-3).....70
2. Parkway South (26-3).....63
3. St. Joseph's (20-8).....56
4. Hazelwood Central (24-2).....45
5. St. Charles West (21-6).....43
6. Gateway Tech (24-3).....30
7. Northwest (20-9).....28
8. Webster Groves (20-7).....23
9. (tie) O'Fallon (21-8).....12
10. Belleville East (21-8).....12

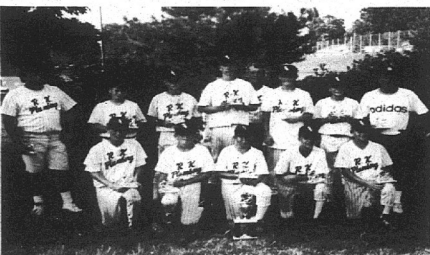
SMALL SCHOOLS
1. Incarnate Word (27-5).....70
2. Wellston (25-1).....59

Journal Writers' Poll Wrestling

Final Poll
Team.....Points
1. Francis Howell (2).....65
2. Granite City (1).....64
3. St. Charles West (3).....61
4. Oakville (4).....44
5. Fox (5).....39
6. Hazelwood East (6).....37
7. Hazelwood Central (7).....28
8. McCluer North (8).....11
9. St. Plus (17-9).....11
10. Eureka (10).....8



Tim Davis (top) of Granite City, a senior basketball player with Bethel Christian Academy in South Roxana, fights for a rebound. Bethel Christian defeated Faith of Florissant (Mo.) 59-32 last week.



The R-K Plumbing White Sox (16-6) finished second among 12 teams in the Midget II Division of the Alton Invitational Baseball Tournament. Team members include (front row from left) Tim Kosuge, Mike Hagnauer, Dwayne McKee, Scott Prengel, Ian Kessel; back row, coach Steve Kessel, Scott Niggle, Jeff Jerden, Matt Pistorius, coach Kelly Hogan, Justin Jones, Brett Briggs, coach Jerry Jerden.

Basketball

Granite City Park District Results (Feb. 26)

Wednesday
Sports Print.....9-0
Jacobsmeysers.....7-3
Cat Daddies.....6-4
True Value Hardware.....5-5
Strichy Business.....4-6
Pizza Chef.....1-8
Armageddon.....1-8

Sports Print 95, Pizza Chef 40
Cat Daddies 95, True Value 47
Strichy Business 2, Armageddon 0

Thursday Red
K of C.....8-1
St. Louis Rush.....8-2
Bundy.....6-3
Kramden's I.....3-7
Rookies.....2-7
Kramden's II.....1-8

St. Louis Rush 96, Kramden's II 58
K of C 71, Bundy 57
Kramden's I 60, Rookies 58

Thursday Blue
Electric Mud Puppies.....8-1

Run from Break

Run from Break
Red Lion Pub.....5-3
Evenson Chiropractic.....4-4
Long John Silvers.....3-7
Harvest Assembly.....1-9

Evenson 58, Harvest 74
Red Lion 77, Mud Puppies 65
Burns 61, Long John Silvers 55

Volleyball
Medicine Shoppe.....26-4
Ernie & Annie's.....26-7
Fussell's Finest.....20-10
Second Chance.....16-14
M.I.C.....9-15
Jacobmeyers.....9-21
Slam Masters Not.....8-21
Hook's.....2-25

Ernie & Annie's 15-15, Slam Masters Not 6-8-4
Second Chance 15-15, Jacobmeyers 13-13-6
Medicine Shoppe 15-15, Fussell's Finest 7-10-13

Eight Ball on Break
Tom Jeffries (Mac's Bar)

Terry Eddeman Billiard League

Men's League Standings after 24 weeks

A Division
Lenny's.....2656
Side Pocket.....2580
Inn Between.....2556
Gabby's.....2516
Steel Inn.....2457
Al's 520.....2457
Fourth Street.....2395

Lenny's 118, Gabby's 93
Fourth St. 105, Inn Between 98
Al's 520 118, Side Pocket 98
Inn Between 116, Gabby's 97
Side Pocket 113, Fourth St. 98
Lenny's 115, Al's 520 100

Run from Break
Rob Vaughn (Al's 520)
Tim Connor (Lenny's)
Dan Selph (Lenny's)
Russ Pierson (Lenny's)

B Division

Sports Tap.....2587
Besserman's.....2483
Side Pocket.....2450
Sammy's.....2395
Wayside #2.....2394
Wayside #1.....2387
Village Inn.....2343
Old Bridge Inn.....2314
Buz's.....2282

Wayside #2 110, Sports Tap 101
Old Bridge Inn 109, Besserman's 94
Village Inn 109, Sammy's 95
Side Pocket 121, Buz's 99
Village Inn 102, Wayside #1 100
Side Pocket 118, Old Bridge Inn 87
Sammy's 124, Buz's 108

Run from Break

Al Delaloye (Wayside #1)
Rodger Cookley (Sammy's)

Eight Ball on Break

Ken Wallace (Side Pocket)
Ron Castille (Village Inn)

C Division

Finish Line.....2729
Jim & La's.....2577
Al's 520.....2559
Mac's Bar.....2536
Don & Brenda's.....2493
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Don & Brenda's.....2493

Jim & La's 128, Sammy's 91
Mac's Bar 99, Al's 520 94
Inn Between 124, Don & Brenda's 96
Finish Line 105, Street La's 98
Inn Between 100, El Gato 100
Al's 520 107, Sammy's 104

Eight Ball on Break
Tom Jeffries (Mac's Bar)

D Division

Besserman's.....2641
Xtra Innings.....2639
The V Lounge.....2586
Top of Landing.....2576
Killians Inn.....2563
Serranos.....2563
Village Inn.....2531
Keith's.....2504

Keith's 128, Killians Inn 118
V Lounge 105, Village Inn 104
Besserman's 103, Top of Landing 97
Steel Inn 112, Serranos 103
Steel Inn 123, Killians Inn 93
Serranos 113, Besserman's 115
V Lounge 94, Top of Landing 94

E Division

T.J.'s Saloon.....2669
Eddie's Lounge.....2662
Hooch & Sixteen 8.....2654
Fourth Street.....2632
Gabby's.....2570
McMurphy's.....2564
Steel Inn.....2520
Ken's Lounge.....2500
Xtra Innings.....2487
Rocky's.....2463

T.J.'s Saloon 119, Gabby's 88
Fourth St. 114, Xtra Innings 107
Hooch & Sixteen 117, Ken's Lounge 93
Steel Inn 112, Village Inn 91
McMurphy's 111, Steel Inn 102
Ken's Lounge 124, Gabby's 108
Eddie's Lounge 112, Fourth St. 112
Hooch & Sixteen 122, Steel Inn 98
Xtra Innings 110, Rocky's 101

Run from Break

Bill McEwen (T.J.'s Saloon)
Ron Turner (T.J.'s Saloon)

F Division

Don & Brenda's.....2783
T.J.'s Bar.....2653
L.A.'s.....2638
Finish Line.....2592
Dover Inn.....2586
Ken's Lounge.....2566
Inn Between.....2554
L.A.'s.....2479
Steel Inn.....2455

Dover Inn 123, McMurphy's 92
Buz's 116, Ken's Lounge 108
Finish Line 112, Fourth St. 112
Hooch & Sixteen 122, Steel Inn 98
Xtra Innings 110, Rocky's 101

T.J.'s Bar 115, L.A.'s 95
Xtra Innings 109, Dover Inn 99
McMurphy's 102, Al's 520 101
Buz's 122, Street La's 97
L.A.'s 107, 12th Street 105

Eight Ball on Break
Clyde Martin (12th Street)
David Ross (Xtra Innings)

G Division

American Legion.....2663
People's Place.....2603
Top of Landing.....2578
Buz's.....2544
Mac's Bar.....2485
Xtra Innings.....2484
Buz's 116, Buz's 106
L.A.'s.....2338
12th St. Saloon.....2316

L.A.'s 113, 12th Street 87
Fourth St. 114, Big Ed's Vic 98
Buz's 115, Top of Landing 97
People's Place 120, Xtra Innings 87
Amer. Legion 111, Top of Landing 87
Mac's Bar 113, Xtra Innings 98
Big Ed's Vic 112, 12th Street 103

Eight Ball on Break

Steve Grady (Xtra Innings)

Women's League Standings after 24 weeks

A Division
Side Pocket #2.....2691
Fourth Street.....2668
Side Pocket #1.....2668
Eddie's Lounge.....2651
S.O. Between.....2624
Wayside.....2603
Buz's.....2557
Gabby's.....2502

Side Pocket #1 111, Eddie's 101
S.O. 122, Fourth St. 93
Buz's 116, Gabby's 89
Side Pocket #1 110, Between 104
Side Pocket #1 110, Side Pocket #2 97
Side Pocket #1 110, Side Pocket #2 97
Eddie's Lounge 125, Gabby's 98

Run from Break

Laura Warren (S.O.)

B Division

Big Ed's Vic.....2681
Ken's Lounge.....2647
Finish Line.....2631
Gabby's.....2631
Steel Inn.....2572
Inn Between.....2562
L.A.'s.....2544
Steel Inn 107, Finish Line 104
Serranos 110, L.A.'s 83
Ken's Lounge 108, Gabby's 104
Big Ed's Vic 120, Inn Between 104
Gabby's 112, Finish Line 104
Ken's Lounge 114, Inn Between 108
Steel Inn 105, Serranos 103

Don & Brenda's.....2800
Fourth Street.....2647
L.A.'s Place.....2633
Besserman's #1.....2628
Gabby's.....2611
Mac's Bar.....2589
Hook's & Sixteen.....2580
Al's 520.....2552

Eight Ball on Break
Samantha Hoffman (Dover Inn)

Side Pocket

McMurphy's #2.....2531
Besserman's #2.....2485
Side Pocket 118, Besserman's #1 110
Gabby's 110, L.A.'s 102
Al's 520 118, Besserman's #2 95
L.A.'s Place 123, Fourth St. 102
Mac's Bar 122, Don & Brenda's 111
Don & Brenda's 113, Fourth St. 103
L.A.'s Place 110, Mac's Bar 105
Gabby's 120, Besserman's #1 111

D Division

Gabby's.....2658
Old Bridge Inn.....2641
Mac's Bar.....2639
Big Ed's Vic.....2599
Inn Between.....2589
Village Inn.....2549
Mac's Bar.....2518
T.C.'s.....2515
Wayside.....2513

Gabby's 114, Carol-Hideaway 99
T.C.'s 125, Mac's Bar 82
Big Ed's Vic 121, Inn Between 93
Old Bridge Inn 110, Wayside 97
Carol-Hideaway 111, Inn Between 97
Wayside 114, T.C.'s 98
Gabby's 119, Village Inn 89

E Division

Lenny's.....2659
McMurphy's 112, Straight Home 110
T.J.'s Bar.....2593
Side Pocket.....2545
Buz's.....2535
Polish Hall.....2512
Village Inn.....2461
Tip Top.....2448
Straight Home.....2448

Tip Top 103, Side Pocket 103

McMurphy's 112, Straight Home 110
Village Inn 110, Polish Hall 106
T.J.'s Bar 111, Lenny's 91
Side Pocket 104, McMurphy's 90
Buz's 110, T.J.'s Bar 102
Village Inn 109, Straight Home 100

Eight Ball on Break

Dana Love (Side Pocket)

F Division

Dover Inn 108, Al's 520 96
Straight Home 114, Sammy's 108
12th Street 118, Judy Inn 89
Side Pocket.....2486
Side Pocket 118, Al's 520 102
Judy Inn 109, Sammy's 84

Eight Ball on Break
Samantha Hoffman (Dover Inn)

•McMillan

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McMillan's athletic prowess would be good enough for most college recruiters, but that's only half of her story.

She has been named as an Illinois State Scholar and has achieved the High Honor Roll at GCBS. She is also in the secondary honors program at the high school, and received the Washington University Book Award.

She was also named the Elks' Student of the Month in October 1995, and is a member of the National Honor Society. "Think that's enough," McMillan is a member of or has at one time volunteered for, over a dozen local organizations, including the Varsity Club, Science Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Protestant Welfare, the United Way and Modern Music Masters.

As many collegiate coaches as there were for her, McMillan said she is planning on attending the University of Missouri at Rolla.

"There's nothing definite yet, but that's what I'm looking toward," she said. "I'd like to play basketball there, but they don't have a volleyball program. If I would happen to go somewhere else, then I'd like to play volleyball, too."

Earlier this year, McMillan's basketball coach, Chuck Kraus, may have said it best. "When we get done with practice, there's Denise running out of the gym, headed for another club or lesson. She's amazing," Kraus said.

McMillan, who played soccer as a freshman, will take this spring and summer off from athletics. She could use the rest.

Possibly the most amazing

feat of her athletic career is that she's accomplished everything with sore legs. She played through the past two years of competition with shin splints, which caused severe pain in her lower legs at times.

"My shins feel OK now," she said. "But I haven't really tested them a lot lately, either. The last week or two before the regionals, they started bothering me."

No doubt, McMillan will be ready to play basketball at whatever college is lucky enough to have her in its program.

Each week one prep varsity athlete will be selected by the Journal sports staff as the Illinois Journal's Cardinal Club Athlete of the Week. Selected athletes will be featured in newspapers throughout the Journal's coverage area.

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feat," Logan said. "We're talking about a big turnaround from 1993. This program was not in the best of shape at that point. Fortunately, many of the better local players had enough faith in the program to play tennis here."

"We've really gained a whole new attitude." One of those local players making the difference for the Cougars has been Keri (Weekman) Livingstone of Granite City. Livingstone joined Collinsville's Katie Hamstead to form the conference's best No. 5 doubles team.

The team went 10-2 on the season. "I'm very proud of them," Logan said. "It seems like these girls came in, and suddenly the program completely turned around. We even had a couple of girls, and that was a special thrill. Katie and Keri weren't even supposed to make it to the finals."

In the conference tournament, the first team that wins five matches is declared the winner.

After going 11-0 in the regular season, the Cougars defeated Lewis University 5-0, Southern Indiana 5-1, and the University of Indianapolis 5-0 to capture the conference title.

The Cougars finished the season ranked 10th in the Midwest in Division II. It was the first time the team had been ranked since '89.

"We're not there yet, but we're on our way," Logan said.

The women's team is set to begin its spring season this month. The regionals are May 3-4.

The men's team was one of the best in the nation at the end of last year, Logan said, but didn't get a bid to the Division II national tournament.

"We failed to get the conference tournament, so we didn't get that automatic bid," he said. "But we were right up there in the fall rankings. We'll do better this year, though."



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE)

Granite City soccer players Amber Hubert (left) and Rachel Kennerly chase down the ball in practice. The Lady Warriors kick off the season Friday at Incarnate Word Academy.

•Track

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Connolly and Ryan Moneymaker.

But Briggs is also counting on some first-year help. Seniors Jake Basuel, Noah Gonterman, Steve Logan and Kris Mangiaracino should provide a lift.

Briggs also said he's counting on juniors Ryan Anderson, George Wolfe and David Zellerman, and he likes what he sees from sophomores Dustin Johnson and Jeremy Smith, as well as freshmen Carl Clark, Jeff Hassell, Aaron Howard and Joe Lande.



Brandt

The leader on the girls' side is a no-brainer. Granite City's only state qualifier last year was Stephanie Brandt in the discus. Brandt will return for her junior year, after finishing sixth in the state as a freshman and third last season as a sophomore in the discus.

A total of 12 lettermen return for the 1996 girls team. Seniors Lexi Camburn, Nichole Done, Christina Short, Jessica Stegelmeyer and Angie Vasquez will be back this season.

Returning juniors, besides Brandt, include Christina Clutts, Beth Feenstra and Heather Mell. Becky Bargiel, Stephanie Jovi and Holly Ryan are the only returning sophomores.

Briggs said he is expecting good things from seniors

LeAnn Byrd, Ginger Gerstner, Danielle Lehn, Julie Martinez and Nina Serrano, as well as sophomore Amy Goodrich and freshmen Bonnie Hill and Amanda Ragon.

Of course, with that many athletes out for track, Briggs can't do everything by himself. Briggs will be assisted by Tom Miller (distance runners), Paul Macious (jumping events), Cindy Hardee (sprinters and middle distance) and Larry Curry (shot and discus).

"It's a quality staff, and we have a lot of quality kids as well," Briggs said. "It's going to be interesting to see how these groups do."

"I think the sprinters and middle-distance runners will be our stronger areas, but we'll see. Our goal this year is to make some people sweat."

Sports shorts

Pontoon Khoury League

The Pontoon Beach Khoury League Inc. will be holding sign-ups for its T-Ball, baseball and softball leagues. The sign-ups will be held at the Pontoon Beach Village Hall, 3910 Illinois 111, during the month of March.

Sign-ups will be held each Wednesday and Thursday of the month. Interested parties should bring a birth certificate and a photograph. Umpires are also needed this year. For more information, call Ida at 797-8477, Tracy at 931-1291 or Cheryl at 583-6705.

Park District tourney

The Granite City Park District will hold a basketball tournament March 29-30 for boys in grades 6-8 and girls in grades 7-8.

The entry fee for teams is \$90, and the deadline for registration is March 22. For information on girls teams, call Joe Wallace at 876-3878, day) or 491-0963 (evening). For information regarding boys teams,

call Kelly Hogan at 931-6538.

Soccer registration

The Granite City Soccer Club, the joint organization for boys in grades 9-8. The week-long sessions will be held June 10-14 and 17-21 and July 15-19 and 22-26.

The camps will be under the direction of Junior Billikens coach Don Maurer, and will feature former SLUH players as well as other former local players. The fee for the camp is \$90. For more information, call 314-531-0330, extension 157.

Park District leagues

The Granite City Park District is now accepting entry fees for all T-ball, youth baseball, ponytail softball and all adult softball programs.

Player and team registration is being taken at the Wilson Park office. The Park District also needs volunteer coaches for all youth programs.

The Park District will make every effort to find a team for any child wanting to play baseball or softball this year.

SLUH camps

St. Louis U. High will offer four separate weeks of basketball camp opportunities for boys in grades 9-8. The week-long sessions will be held June 10-14 and 17-21 and July 15-19 and 22-26.

The camps will be under the direction of Junior Billikens coach Don Maurer, and will feature former SLUH players as well as other former local players. The fee for the camp is \$90. For more information, call 314-531-0330, extension 157.

The high school will also hold a football camp during the week of June 10-14. The camp is for grade school boys entering grades 3-8, and will be held at SLUH Stadium on Oakland Avenue in St. Louis.

The camp will be directed by SLUH football coach Gary Kornfeld, and will be non-contact in nature. The fee for the camp is \$45. For more information on the football camp, call 314-531-0330, extension 171.

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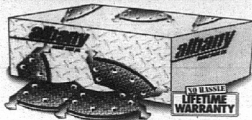
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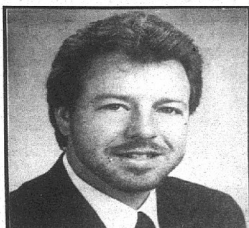
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My wife, Carol and I live in Chouteau Township with our two children. I am employed with Olin Brass Corp., as a machine operator and an active member of Machinists Lodge 660. I have had the privilege to represent many people as their Precinct Committeeman and County Board Member. This privilege has also provided extensive experience working within the multi-million dollar budget and the administration of hundreds of employees. I believe this experience is a critical qualification needed for the position of State Representative. I also believe there are some vast differences between my ideals and those of my opponent. Here are just a few;

TIM KNOTT

1. I pledge to work continuously to bring **Additional Quality Jobs** to our area.
2. I am committed to property tax **Rollback and Reform**.
3. I will fight for **Improved Education** without increasing tax burden.
4. I would support a reasonable approach leading to **Substantial Welfare Reform**.
5. I propose to **"Inventory"** all state agencies and departments, cut duplication and waste and re-direct the savings to **Best Programs**.
6. I will provide **ALL** residents of District 111, access to their State Representative, by opening **Another** regional office in the Granite City Area, in addition to the facility servicing the Wood River-Alton area.
7. I will support programs to provide **Additional Police Officers** and stiffen prison sentences for violent offenders.
8. I am campaigning through the support of the citizens of the **111th District**.
9. I believe we can achieve **Affordable Health Care**.
10. I favor **Term Limits** for elected officials.

I was born and raised right here in Granite City, educated in local schools and work within District 111. This is a great place to live, work and raise a family and now it appears that this race may be decided right here in Granite City, Chouteau and Nameoki Township. Therefore I am asking for YOUR support.

I have worked hard and met alot of great people and I am pledging my commitment to work for all of the Residents of the 111th District. When it comes to character and integrity, I invite you to speak with those who know me. When it comes to the character of my opponent, I would simply say, ask his neighbors, ask his former employees. Election Day is March 19th and better government begins with your vote.

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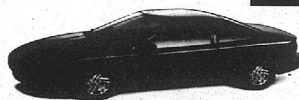
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